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SUBJ: TOURISM PROJECT

1. MINISTER OF TOURISM HAS INFORMED PRINCIPAL OFFICER THAT ZANZIBAR IS PLANNING A PROJECT TO IMPROVE ITS TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE. PROJECT WOULD INVOLVE SMALL AIRCRAFT, HYDRO-FOILS AND DEVELOPMENT OF ONE OF ZANZIBAR S BEACHES.
 2. MINISTER SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED ONE PROPOSAL FROM UNIVERSAL CORP. (WHICH HE IMPLIED WAS US FIRM) INVOLVING SIX AIRCRAFT: TWO SIX-SEATERS, TWO EIGHT-SEATERS AND TWO TEN-SEATERS, TWO HYDROFOILS AND DEVELOPMENT OF A BEACH AREA. HE HAS ALSO RECEIVED SOME PROPOSALS FROM KENYA FIRMS, BUT GIVEN THE CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS BETWEEN KENYA AND TANZANIA IS NOT LIKELY TO ACCEPT THEM. HE WELCOMED OTHER PROPOSALS.
 3. ZANZIBAR IDEA FOR BEACH DEVELOPMENT INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF 100-BED HOTEL. MINISTER SAID THAT SHERATON HAS DISCUSSED THIS WITH ZANZIBAR.
 4. MINISTER SAID THAT AT THIS STAGE IN ZANZIBAR S DEVELOPMENT NATIONALIZATIONS ARE OVER AND THAT ANY CONTRACT SIGNED WILL BE HONORED. HE ALSO SAID THAT ZANZIBAR NEEDS
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- INVESTMENT, THE EXACT FORMULA OF WHICH COULD BE WORKED OUT - INCLUDING THE DEGREE OF GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION.
5. MINISTER STATED THAT ZANZIBAR NOT REPEAT NOT INTERESTED IN REVIVING ITS PREVIOUS PLAN TO BUY BEACHCRAFT. THOSE PLANES WERE TO BE FOR AN AIRLINE FOR ZANZIBAR. PLANES IT IS NOW CONSIDERING WOULD BE FOR MINISTRY OF TOURISM USE SO

THAT TOURISTS WOULD NOT BECOME STRANDED HERE.

6. FOR USDOC: REQUEST YOU PASS ABOVE INFORMATION TO APPROPRIATE FIRMS. THEY SHOULD CORRESPOND DIRECTLY WITH EDINGTON KISASI, MINISTER OF TOURISM, P.O. BOX 216, ZANZIBAR, TANZANIA. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THINGS MOVE VERY SLOWLY HERE. DISCUSSIONS ABOUT SUCH PROJECTS CAN GO ON FOR MONTHS OR EVEN YEARS, WITHOUT EVER ARRIVING AT AN AGREEMENT. CONSULATE UNCERTAIN STAGE OF DISCUSSION THIS PROJECT, BUT IF ONE PROPOSAL ALREADY RECEIVED, INTERESTED FIRMS MAY WISH TO MAKE AT LEASE INITIAL CONTACT SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.
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